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Senator Catherine Osten
Senator Paul Formica
Representative Toni Walker
Room 2C, Legislative Office Building
300 Capital Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Magnet School Funding

Dear Senator Osten, Senator Formica, and Representative Walker,

My name is Kathleen Corelli Byrne and I live in Sandy Hook, CT. As a member of your constituency, I am reaching out to you to introduce myself. I am the parent of Liam C Byrne who attends a magnet school. Liam attends The Educational Center for the Arts (ECA) in New Haven, CT and is in 9th grade.

My child's education is of utmost importance to me because he is able to learn how to express and communicate through this innovative arts program; it helps him become a self-dependent individual and a citizen of the world.

I chose a ECA magnet school education for my son because he is a member of a multi-cultural community with a diverse range of students from all over the state of CT. This visionary program has strengthened my son's ability to communicate and learn to create in a safe environment. In this day and age we want children who are able to enter college and the work environment with the expertise to communicate their ideas. These students who are given the opportunity to study fine and performing arts go out into our workforce with communication skills needed to develop strong families, communities and ultimately a strong nation.

I am concerned about the lack of funding for magnet schools. My magnet school has received the same funding from the state for five years. As my legislator, I ask you to support my child's school and ensure that magnet schools have the funding they need to be sustained into the future.

I would be happy to share my experience with you at any time.

Sincerely,

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